

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 88, "Fishing Tournaments," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment requires electronic submission of applications and adjusts the time period during which applications may be accepted.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 29, 2009, as **ARC 8020B**. A public hearing was held August 20, 2009. The time period for submitting applications was modified from the Notice of Intended Action in response to tournament organizers' concerns about insufficient time for organizers to advertise tournament dates and for tournament participants to request vacation from employers.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 462A.16 and 481A.38.

This amendment will become effective November 11, 2009.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend rule 571—88.3(462A,481A) as follows:

571—88.3(462A,481A) Application procedures. The following procedures shall be used to administer fishing tournaments:

1. Application shall be made on ~~a standard~~ an electronic form provided by the department and shall include the name, address and telephone number of the sponsoring organization or individual, the location and date of the tournament, total value of the prizes, and expected number of participants.

2. The application shall be received electronically by the department area fisheries management biologist ~~at least 30 days prior to the proposed event~~ via the centralized special events application system.

3. Applications ~~will~~ shall be accepted beginning January 1 of a given year for requested tournament dates extending to March 1 of the following year and shall not be accepted prior to July 1 of the year preceding the calendar year in which the tournament is scheduled ~~later than 30 days prior to the requested date for the tournament~~.

4. The number of tournaments at any one access area during a given day may be restricted if deemed necessary to avoid congestion with the public or competing tournaments. The capacity of facilities such as boat ramps, docks and parking lots shall be considered when assigning tournament sites.

5. Permits are not transferable.

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